

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting
April 20, 2004

The meeting was **called to order** at 6:30 p.m. by President John Strittmatter followed by the pledge to the flag. Sixteen persons were present. On a motion by Dick Dotts seconded by Earl Smithmyer, the **minutes** of the meeting of March 16, 2004 were unanimously approved.

Visitor Mike DiMatteo of the PA Game Commission was introduced to the group.

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the following **Treasurer's report**:

During the month of March, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, March 1 st	\$4,381.30
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Office Supplies	(\$111.71)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	230.00
Bank interest	0.04
Ending Balance, March 31 st	\$4,499.63

Dues for Deposit at 3/31/04: \$0

<u>Grant Account</u>	<u>KLONDIKE</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>HEINZ</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
Reg Balance, Mar 1 st	\$ 71.03	\$1,301.10	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$1,854.06
<u>Expenses:</u>					
Reimbursement – Rose	17.44				17.44
<u>Deposits:</u>					
Derby Tickets		758.00			
Bank interest	.02			0.00	758.02
End Balance, Mar 31 st	\$ 53.61	\$2,059.10	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$2,594.64

Other Business:

1. Klondike Grant (2003 DEP Growing Greener) – The total invoice of \$5,000 has been paid to Cree Surveying and there is nothing outstanding.
2. Update: Ticket Sale- a total of \$2,026 has been collected for the fishing derby. Thanks to all those that sold and bought tickets.

On a motion by Pat McNulty and seconded by Ed McMullen, the finance report was unanimously approved.

The **Secretary reported** that a newsletter announcing the spring cleanup and the upcoming fishing derby was sent to 112 members.

Membership Chair Bob Funicelli announced that we now have **112 members** for 2004.

In **Public Relations**, Pat McNulty agreed to get the minutes of this meeting into the local papers. Dick Dotts reported that Jane Elling has been putting the minutes into the Progress. She also complimented Art Rose for his excellent work as secretary of the minutes. The Tribune Democrat also printed an article regarding the Army Corps of Engineers pulling the funding for the mine cleanup of Brubaker Run. As far as the website, Jerry McMullen has been in contact with Shawn Bartlett regarding updating the new financial information, roadway cleanups and announcing the fishing derby. New photographs are always welcomed.

There was no activity reported by the **Historical Committee**.

The **spring cleanup** of the road and stream set for April 4th was canceled due to about 6 in. of snow. However, volunteers cleaned the 9-mile stretch of road during the following week. Approximately 200-250 bags of garbage, 20 tires, and 1 refrigerator were collected. A special thanks to all those who helped. Earl Smithmyer reported that a new Penndot contract was signed for 2-years for the stretch of Rt. 53 between Ashville and Syberton. Two signs are to be put up at each end of the road. The food originally meant to be for the cleanup has been frozen and will be sold at the fishing derby.

Finance Committee. It was reported that the funding for the fishing derby is almost wrapped up. A motion was made by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen that a Portable Bathroom be rented for the fishing derby. The motion was unanimously approved.

For the Tech Committee, a report prepared by Arthur Rose and read by Earl Smithmyer stated that at **the Klondike project**, final design drawings are in preparation for part of the area, and permitting is being started. The first site's design is done and the second site's design is largely done, as is the stream restoration plan. Detailed specifications need to be completed. Information for permitting is being gathered.

A semiannual meeting of Blair Co. Solid Waste Auth. was scheduled for April 13th, but was cancelled. They were to discuss an agreement for access and construction at Klondike, and also a Good Samaritan agreement. The Good Samaritan agreement needs to be signed by the Hite-Dobson family and by Cooney Bros. It was reported that several weirs are to be installed in the area and sampling started.

Brubaker Project: A meeting was held March 24th at the Cambria office of DEP. In attendance were staff of DEP, the Cambria Co. Conservation District, PA Game Commission staff, and members of the CCWA. The discussion was of the Corps pullout and our proposal to conduct a feasibility study of mine sealing and other approaches to the clay mine discharge. The intent is to investigate the source of the water emerging from the clay mine and the possibilities of sealing at various locations. It would also consist of drilling into the clay mine at several points to investigate flow, chemistry, rock conditions, and other data. The project received a very positive reception by the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, who suggested submitting a proposal for funding by money from the federal Office of Surface Mining. The proposal is expected to be in the range of \$100,000 to \$150,000. A motion to authorize the submission of the proposal and to authorize the President to sign it was made by Larry Sutton and seconded by Pat Dumm, and approved unanimously.

A telephone conversation with a representative of the Corps indicated that the Corps might be able to resume activity after the new budget year in October, because Congress was considering a proposal to increase the ability to transfer funds into Section 206 projects. The watershed association should receive the report drafted by ATS Engineers when the Corps is satisfied with it.

In other business, letters were drafted and read to the membership to be sent to the legislators regarding the Corps cessation and in support of AML funding. It was agreed that the technical report prepared by Rose be attached to the letters and the President sign each letter.

Old Business: Bryan Rabish was unable to make a presentation on the Clearfield Creek Assessment Report at this meeting will plan to do this at a future meeting.

A conflict has developed for the second road cleanup date on June 6, so this date will have to be rescheduled.

On the **Fishing Derby**, scheduled for May 22, Smithmyer reported sale of \$2,026 of raffle tickets. A committee meeting will be held at the beginning of May to finish the arrangements for the derby. It was reported that WalMart-Ebensburg gave a donation of \$25.

Also, it has been arranged that a board displaying the donors is being made up for the derby. An anonymous donation of \$100 was also received. It was discussed that the hats the association has will be sold and used as prizes at the derby.

Under **new business**, Larry Sutton brought to the attention of the membership a **Common Grant Application Format**. This application is filled out once and is sent to 46 different grant organizations. It was suggested that this form should be completed at least once a year. This form would likely attract match money to compliment future Growing Greener grants. A committee, consisting of Larry Sutton, Art Rose and Earl Smithmyer, was appointed by the President to delegate out sections of the form to be completed.

Also, Bryan Rabish of the Conservation District announced that he received 275 native trees from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to be planted in the headwater area of Clearfield Creek, near ValeWood Dairy. These trees will provide habitat and help with erosion control along the buffer area of the stream.

The winners of the Fishing Derby drawing are as follows: Congratulations!

1st Prize \$250—Al Adams

2nd Prize \$150—Georgia Chesney

3rd Prize \$100—Mike Lambert

Applause was given to Bob Funicelli for his outstanding work on the ticket sales.

The **next meeting** will be May 18, 2004 at the Laurel Run Sportsmen's, Dysart at 6:30 pm.

On a motion by Pat McNulty seconded by Ray Hollen, the meeting was **adjourned** for discussion and **Alene's refreshments**.

(Minutes were taken and written by Stephanie Wharton in the absence of the secretary. Thank you Stephanie).